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Applicants : Maureen J. Charron and Ellen B. Katz
Serial No. : 09/516,493
Filed : March 1, 2000
For : NOVEL GLUCOSE TRANSPORTER/SENSOR
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF
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Examiner : Sumesh Kaushal, Ph.D.

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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 3, 2001 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on October 3, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on November 3, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity. A response to the Office Action is now due on December 3, 2001. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner required applicants to elect certain claims for prosecution in the subject application. In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-16, 19-21, and 25-29, without traverse.

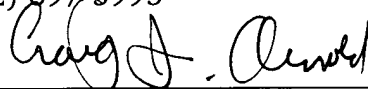
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No fee, other than the \$55.00 to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any additional fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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